

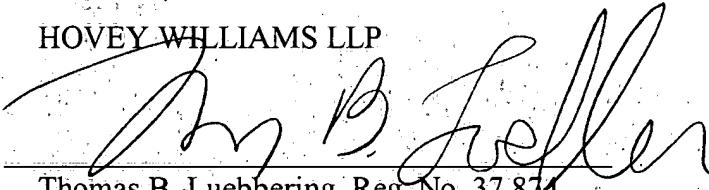
Remarks:

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-11 and 26 over the cited prior art and objected to claim 17 but indicated it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant accepts the allowance of claims 1-11 and 26, amends claim 13 to include the limitations of claims 14, 16, and 17, and cancels claims 12, 14, 16-17, 19-25, and 27-28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant notes the rejections of dependent claims 15 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), but submits that such claims should now be allowable because they are dependent on an allowed independent claim.

In view of this amendment and the remarks herein, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-11, 13, 15, 18, and 26 are now in allowable condition and requests a Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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